Electrification of Ranaghat-Gede section

330. SHRI ASHIS SEN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether electrification of Ranaghat-Gede section is proposed to be taken up during the year 1993-94;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken for improvement of train services in this section?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Due to low traffic density, constraint of resources and relative priorities for electrification of other high density routes, there is, at present, no proposal to electrify Ranaghat-Gede section.

(d) Improvement of train service is a continous process in Indian Railways. At present, 12 pairs of services adequately meet the traffc demand of Ranaghat-Gede section. Additional services will be introduced as and when traffic justifies subject to operational feasibility.

Double line and electrification of Santipur Nabadweep Ghat Railway line

331. SHRI ASHIS SEN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey has been conducted for laying double line and electrification of Santipur-Nabadweep Ghat railway line;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the construction is likely to start?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Details are:—Length—28 Kms, Cost- Rs. 34.36 crores, Rate of return: Negative.

(c) Owing to constraint of resources and unremunerative nature of the project, it has not been found possible to consider this project for implementation.

Increasing the EMU Coaches between Howrah and Haldia Section

332. SHRI ASHIS SEN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to increase the frequency of EMU coaches between Howrah and Haldia sections of S. E. Railway;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps so far taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Introduction of Passenger Trains between Purulia and Dhanbad

333. SHRI MD. SALIM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any plan to introduce passenger trains between Purulia and Dhanbad;

(b) if so, by when and the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken by Government so far in this regard; and

(d) if the reply to part (a) above be in the negative the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHR K. C. LENKA): (a) to (d) the proposal to introduce an express

train between Dhanbad and Tatanagar via Purulia is under active consideration of the Railways.

Disappearance of the Explosives from Railway Coach

334. SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH:
SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that about 500 Kgs. of explosives mysteriously disappeared from a high security railway coach in Assam recently;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof stating the outcome of the investigations made into the mysterious disappearance of the explosives; and

(c) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFARS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) to (c) There is no report of disappearance of explosives from Railway Coach on 8-1.1993. However, on 7-1-93. two trucks carrying explosives from Gomia, Bihar, for Charapunjee Cement Factory, Meghalaya were hijacked by Bodo militants at Samthaibari in Bongaigaon police station area in Assam. Police recovered the trucks but the militants carried away the boxes of explosives containing 500 Kgs. in total.

Incidents of Train Stopping/Ticketless Travelling

335. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER:
MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE:
SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the number of incidents of train stopping and ticketless travelling in Indian Railways during the last two years;

(b) the number of persons apprehended and the amount realised as penalty for both train stopping and ticketless travelling during the last three years, year-wise and zone-wise;

(c) whether Government propose to formulate special drive to check illegal train stopping and travelling without ticket;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) During the years 1990-91 and 1991-92 there were 6.32 lakhs incidents of train Appendix CLXVI, Annexure No. 7] and 80.40 lakhs persons were detected travelling without tickets.

(b) A statement is enclosed. (See Appendix CLXVI, Annexure No. 7)

(c) to (e) Various steps are already being taken by the railways to curb unauthorised alarm chain pulling and ticketless travel. These include regular surprise magisterial checks, publicity campaigns through different media, providing deterrent penalties in the Railways Act and blanking off of alarm chain apparatus on badly affected trains.

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